

TOPIC Military Information from Rathenow

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EVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 23 February to 6 March 1953DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 17 March 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on 23 February 1953, about 2,400 troops, about 75 officers, 3 colonels and a military band participated in a wreath depositing ceremony in Rathenow. The troops had come from the Infanterie Kaserne, the Pionier Kaserne and the Kraftfahrer Kaserne.<sup>1</sup>

2. Prior to 6 March, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Drill and motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were observed. The Pionier Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Drill and driving school practices were observed. On 6 March, 80 to 100 officers observed troops drilling on four 122-mm field howitzers. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were seen en route to the installation. The Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were seen en route to the installation. The Ziethen Kaserne, prior to 6 March, was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A general, a colonel and motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen en route to the installation.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably a ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the foundation of the Red Army.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the occupation of the barracks installations in Rathenow checks with the assumed distribution of the units of the 6th Arty Div and headquarters units of the IV Arty Corps. Although the information does not indicate whether the barracks installations were occupied to capacity on 6 March, the units of the corps and the division can, at this time, be carried in their quarters, according to reports on transportation and the preceding report from Rathenow in late February.

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